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REPORTS OF OFFICERS FOR 1902 AND 1903.

President's Report, January 1, 1902 to December 31, 1903

The chief function of the President during this period has been the publication of the official organ, *The Wilson Bulletin*, the contents and quality of which are well known. In addition to these duties as publisher and editor, he has planned and executed a reorganization by which we have abandoned the old affiliation with the Agassiz Association and become an independent organization for the study of birds and all that intimately concerns birds. The final form of the revised Constitution, which accompanies these reports, has been delayed nearly a year, from no other cause than the dallying of the printers. It might be parenthetically remarked here that the old printers have given place to new ones.

Besides the reorganization and necessary adoption of a revised Constitution, the President believes that the creation of the two classes of Patrons and Life Members, with a possible permanent nucleus of members who will be the most interested in the affairs of the Club, mark a distinct advance for the Club.

With the hearty co-operation of Secretary Daniels and Treasurer Burns, the President made an earnest effort to increase the membership, early in 1903, with the result given in the March, 1903, Bulletin. The increase of our membership has always held his attention, and constant effort has been put forth to that end, with the result that there has been a steady, though small increase in our members. Our Active membership shows 65 names enrolled, the Associate membership 18, and the Honorary roll remains 4. The question has arisen whether we should not increase the Honorary list the present year. There are at least two men who might be considered available. It cannot be too strongly urged upon each member to do what may be possible to swell our membership. It is such an organization as ours which should appeal to those who are now struggling along as best they can with the beginnings of bird acquaintance, for we can help them on in their efforts. Such, with a longer or shorter probation as Associates, might prove later to be valuable Active members.

As publisher, the President is glad to report that *The Wilson Bulletin* has found favor with the leaders in ornithology, as well as with scientific men in various sciences. Both the *Auk* and *Bird-Lore* regard our work as worth special attention and review. We have reason to be proud of what we have done, have confidence in what we are trying to do, and great

hope and encouragement for what lies before. Our Club has a mission second to none in the country to-day. We stand in the van of good bird work, and are holding many steady under the widening tendency toward sentimentalism, which is threatening first-class work in the field. We propose to stand firm as long as we stand at all, and demand good work in every line. We have encouraged the compilation of local lists from all parts of the country, in the firm belief that by so doing we are offering the greatest inducement to good work with the birds, and because such lists, well done, furnish the basis for comparisons decades hence, when conditions of bird life will be greatly changed. We are only beginning to realize the importance of these comparative studies.

Finally, will not every member enter heartily and vigorously upon the missionary campaign for increasing our membership? Give someone a personal invitation to join our work and privileges. Increased membership means better work and a better Bulletin. Add one new member in 1904.

LYNDS JONES, PRESIDENT.

Report of the Secretary for 1902.

In accordance with the Constitution, the Secretary submits the following report for 1902-3:

At the beginning of the year, the primary feature of importance demanding the attention of the officers seemed to be the increase of the membership of the organization. The greater the number of its members, the greater the basis for accomplishment, the greater the usefulness of its work. Accordingly, the officers directed their efforts jointly to this end. During the year, apart from regular routine duties, the work of the Secretary has been mainly along this line.

At the close of the year 1902, as a result of what the officers were able to accomplish, there have been added to the membership-roll a number of new names. These are welcomed as affording promise of still greater progress and future usefulness. This added strength should furnish encouragement, not only to the few to whose efforts it is directly due, but to each and every member interested in the growth of the organization, as a clew to what advancement, as regards membership, might be attained if the members as a whole should give attention to the work.

Early in the year, the Secretary co-operated with the President in the matter of a new cover design for The Bulletin. The services of an artist were obtained, and the drawing for the new design executed from plans outlined by the President. Other illustrations for The Bulletin were likewise secured.

With an improved Bulletin a greater membership and general interest for advancement, 1902 has been a year of progress and results.

It should furnish a criterion for still greater effort and still greater accomplishment.

JOHN W. DANIEL, JR., SECRETARY.

Treasurer's Report for Year Ending December 31, 1902

RECEIPTS.

Membership Assessments for 1901,	-	\$ 2 50
Membership Assessments for 1902,	-	43 00
Membership Assessments for 1903,	-	7 00
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		\$52 50

DISBURSEMENTS.

F. L. Burns, publisher of The Wilson Bulletin,	-	\$ 2 50
Lynds Jones, publisher of The Wilson Bulletin,	-	43 00
Balance on hand,	-	7 00
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		\$52 50

Owing to the liberality of our Secretary, John W. Daniel, Jr.,—the Treasurer contributing in like manner—no demands were made for postage, stationery and printing; thus the entire receipts were available for the publisher of the official organ.

FRANK L. BURNS, TREASURER.

Treasurer's Report for Year Ending December 31, 1903

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand January 1, 1903, (being membership fees for 1903 advanced),	-	\$ 7 00
Membership dues for 1902,	-	2 00
Membership dues for 1903,	-	58 00
Membership dues for 1904,	-	5 10
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		\$72 10

EXPENDITURES.

Bryn Maur Printing Co., 500 assess- ment notices, 500 receipts,	-	\$ 2 00
Lynds Jones, publisher of The Wilson Bulletin,	-	65 00
Balance on hand, advanced dues,	-	5 10
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		\$72 10

FRANK L. BURNS, TREASURER.

Treasurer's Notice.

Membership dues for 1904 are now payable. Members are requested to consider this in lieu of a personal notification.

Remittances should be made direct to Treasurer and receipt received in return. FRANK L. BURNS, Treasurer.

Berwyn, Pa., January 9, 1904.

Report of the Publisher of the Wilson Bulletin.

RECEIPTS FOR 1902.

Subscriptions.....	\$ 34 00
Back Numbers.....	16 27
Treasurer.....	43 00
300 Copies sold.....	60 00

Total..... \$153 27

RECEIPTS FOR 1903.

Subscriptions.....	\$ 33 30
Back Numbers.....	24 81
Treasurer.....	65 00
350 Copies sold	65 00
Advertisement.....	75

Total..... \$188 86

EXPENDITURES FOR 1902.

Printing Bulletins..	\$212 75
Circulars postage..	11 28
Engravings.....	8 51

Total..... \$232 54
Deficit..... \$ 79 27

EXPENDITURES FOR 1903.

Printing Bulletins..	\$216 50
Circulars, postage..	9 00
Engravings.....	11 86

Total..... \$237 36
Deficit..... \$ 48 50

All deficits are met by the publisher, gratis.

Arrangements have been made whereby the cost of printing will be reduced by at least \$25.00, an increased membership promises a larger income from that source, subscriptions are promising larger returns, and the call for back numbers indicates an equally good account there: hence, the outlook for 1904 is decidedly favorable for the assumption that the Bulletin will become almost, if not quite, self supporting this year.

LYNDS JONES, Publisher.

Reports of the Judges of Elections.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1903.

For President: Lynds Jones	19. Elected President.
N Hollister.....	5. Elected Vice - President.
For Secretary: J. W. Daniels, Jr.....	16. Elected Secretary.
Benj. T. Gault.....	7.
For Treasurer: Frank L Burns.....	23. Elected Treasurer.
(There was no second candidate.)	
For Executive Council: John H. Sage, 16; H. C. Oberholser, 16; W. E. Saunders, 16; B. H. Swales, 5; W I Mitchell, 4.	
(Note: R. M. Strong received 16 votes, but was found ineligible after election.)	
H. C. Oberholser, W. E. Saunders, John H. Sage, elected Executive Council.	W. L. DAWSON, Judge of Elections.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1904.

For President: Lynds Jones.....	31. Elected President.
W. L. Dawson.....	2. Elected Vice - President.
For Secretary: J. W. Daniels, Jr.....	26. Elected Secretary.
J. W. Jacobs.....	6.
For Treasurer: Frank L. Burns	28. Elected Treasurer.
N. Hollister.....	4.
For Executive Council: H. C. Oberholser, 21; John H. Sage, 19; Benj. T. Gault, 19; W. E. Saunders, 15; B. H. Swales, 12; W. P. Lyons, 7.	
H. C. Oberholser, John H. Sage, Benj. T. Gault, elected Executive Council.	R. L. BAIRD, Judge of Elections.

Examined and found Correct.

LYNDS JONES, President.